

Application No. 09/529,654
Response to Office action dated 09/22/2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims in this application:

Claims 1 - 43 have previously been cancelled. With this response Applicants cancel claims 45 - 47, 49, 51 - 53, 55 and 56.

Claims now in this application are claims 44, 48, 50, 54 and 57 - 69.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims to all cancelled subject matter in one or more divisional application.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for double patenting and under 35 U.S.C. § 103:

Applicants note the Examiner's comments but respectfully point out that the Examiner's rejections are made moot by the cancellation of the rejected claims in this response.

Allowable subject matter:

Applicants note the Examiner's assertion that claims 45, 46, 48, 50 and 54 are allowable but are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim. The rejected base claims is claim 44. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claim 44 so that its scope is limited to that of allowable claims 45 and 46.

Applicants note that the Examiner states that Claims 57 - 69 are allowed.

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Fees:

Any fees required by the filing of this paper are to be charged to deposit account 26-0166.

Conclusion:

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims 44, 48, 50, 54 and 57 - 69 now in this application are in condition for allowance and respectfully solicit prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance and Notice of Issue Fee Due.

Respectfully submitted,

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